



*150 years  
of Yesterdays*

DEDICATED TO CANTON'S TOMORROWS

CANTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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# *The Town Seal*



Originally part of Old Dorchester, settled early in 1630, Canton is proud of this heritage and boasts of it in its corporate seal first prepared in 1881. This seal, based on the science of Heraldry, has for a crest the triple-towered castle of Dorchester in old England—the coat of arms engraved on the tombstone of Lt. Gov. William Stoughton whose name we carried until 1797.

*Canton was named by Elijah Dunbar who had the mistaken idea that Canton, China, was directly antipodal. The town received its name officially through the act of incorporation signed by Samuel Adams as Governor of the Commonwealth in 1797.*



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of the Town of Canton, Massachusetts, September 1947.

# *Introduction*

THIS sesquicentennial anniversary book is meant more as a projection into the future rather than research into the past. Information was accumulated through the assistance of men well versed in Canton's history as well as public requests for material in the Canton Journal. Every effort has been made to make the chronicle complete. We hope you will accept it as a reminder that Canton's greatest growth lies ahead, and that Canton's ambitious plans for the future are an invitation to you to help make your town a still better place to make your home and enjoy a fuller share of modern country living.

## *Guests of Honor*

Lieutenant Governor Arthur W. Coolidge

Senator Mason Sears

Representative Francis A. Harding

Representative Leslie B. Cutler

Major General Frank A. Keating

Admiral M. T. Dale

Rev. J. Lonsdale Dowson, Universalist, emeritus

Rev. Albert F. Ferguson, Episcopal

Rev. Oliver Francisco, Ponkapoag Chapel

Rev. Earl M. Kenney, Universalist

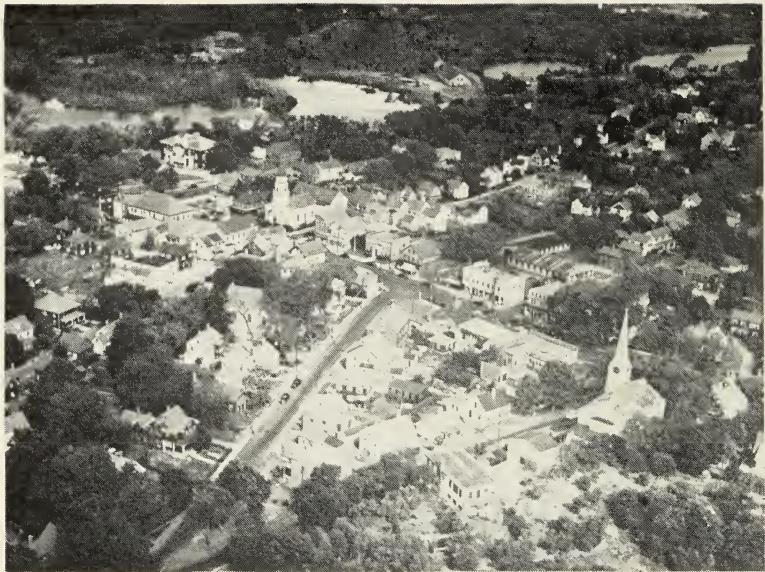
Rev. Robert E. Lee, St. John's Catholic

Rev. Thomas A. Sinclair, Unitarian

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*Operation Crossroad.* Taken August 6, 1947, the Thursday before construction began on the new Washington Street. Inspired by this first major step, Canton may well go on to a magnificent future, the natural sequence of a spirited present. (Photo Les-Ann, Westwood.)



## *The First 150 Years*

THE FIRST town in America to bear the name of Canton was part of Dorchester, and Stoughton, before it was incorporated in 1797 by the authority of Samuel Adams, then governor of Massachusetts. It was the year that George Washington completed his second term as President and neighbor John Adams from Quincy became the first chief executive from Massachusetts. At last count there were 23 more Cantons in the United States but none with the history and early American flavor of this town in the shadow of the great Blue Hill where Kenneth Roberts chose the setting for "Oliver Wiswell", his great historical novel of the Revolutionary War.

Canton has always had proper reverence for its proud past, and has managed to keep its perspective facing the future. In the 1940 census, her population had grown to 6381 with 1336 single homes out of a total of 1532 residences. An abnormally high percentage of these had two cars in the garage because in that year there were 1783 car owners in the town!

Extending from the morning shadow of the Blue Hills to the line of Stoughton and Sharon on the south, Milton on the North and Dedham and Norwood on the west, Canton occupies an area of over nineteen square miles in Norfolk County. The oldest section of the town was first settled in 1650 at what is now Ponk-

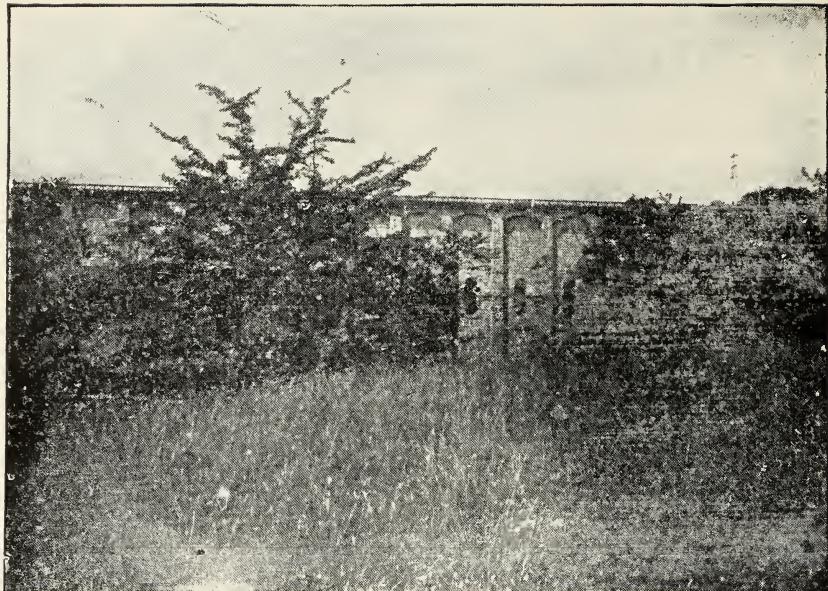
apoag where the Neponset Indians were awarded a territory exclusive of selling rights till 1725. In 1720 the grant of the territory to the town of Dorchester was confirmed. In 1726 Stoughton was incorporated and took possession of the land, giving to Sharon the name of Stoughtonham in 1765 and retaining the rest as a precinct of Stoughton till 1797 when Canton was formally incorporated.

The first ruler of what is now Canton was Chief Chicataubut who signed a treaty with the British at Plymouth, sometime prior to 1630. Ponkapoag derives its name from one of Chicataubut's chieftains who was instrumental in these early negotiations which culminated with the purchase of the territory by

the white men in 1630. Chicataubut died in 1633 and his brother Kitchamain was appointed acting sachem during the minority of Wampatuck, son of Chicataubut. In 1637 the General Court of the Colony of Massachusetts fixed the southern limit of the New Grant which included Canton, at the Old Colony line. This made the new town the largest in New England comprising what is now Milton (incorporated 1662), Wrentham (1724), Stoughton (1726), Sharon (1765), Foxboro (1778), CANTON (1797), part of Dedham (1739), Dorchester Heights (1804), Washington Village (1849), most of Hyde Park (1868) and finally Dorchester, January 1, 1870.



*Feno House, Built in 1704  
the oldest residence in Canton*



*The Viaduct*

The oldest church in Canton is the First Parish Congregational, at Canton Corner, founded in 1717 and one of the first indications of the south westerly trend of the town's growth. All other denominations with the exception of the Christian Union Chapel at Ponkapoag, have their churches near the center of the town. One of Canton's chief claims to fame

is, of course, its remarkable industrial development. Now the home of twenty-four leading manufacturers and processing plants, Canton can well boast of its capacity for accomplishment. Iron and saw making began in Canton in 1787. In 1801 Paul Revere organized what was to become the Revere Copper and Brass Company. Thomas Draper intro-



*The Blue Hill Observatory is on the highest point in the town. Owned by Harvard University, it is used for weather research and scientific study.*

duced cotton manufacture in 1856. Thread making appeared in 1821 and silk weaving in 1839.

As early as 1751, there are records of the earliest iron implements manufactured in America from iron dredged in Massapoag Pond and

forged in Canton.

The town's offices still occupy the Memorial Hall erected in 1880 "to commemorate the patriotism of the soldiers of Canton who fell in defense of the Union." The site was the gift of Elijah Morse.



*The Canton Town Library, gift of Augustus Hemenway in 1902 at a cost of \$70,000*

### *About the Cover*

Canton's part in America's history is many-fold and varied. So many interesting features had little association with each other that the only manner in which they could be presented as a whole was through the technique of a pictorial map. The work is self-sufficient, making a suitable subject for framing.

## *Our Little Red Schoolhouses Have Grown*

The Crane School on the corner of Bolivar and Washington Streets is perhaps the best known Canton school building. Dedicated April 18, 1854 it was declared at the time as unequalled in beauty of architecture and completeness of design. A town's school system is an indication of the

masonry. It will occupy the land now called the French estate on Washington Street.

At present, the Canton school system consists of six buildings, Gridley, Revere, Eliot, Crane, Ponkapoag and the high school. A glance at the pictures on these two pages tell better



*The First High School*

community's inner strength and resourcefulness. Canton recognizes the importance of our schools. This year, the new high school moved even closer to a reality when plans were approved by the citizens at town meeting. The new high school will be a New England Colonial structure of red brick, trimmed with white

than paragraphs the tremendous progress in the schools since the first printed school report was published in 1841. The first school in the limits of the town was opened in 1768.

Besides the public school system, there is a parochial school of substantial proportions maintained by St.



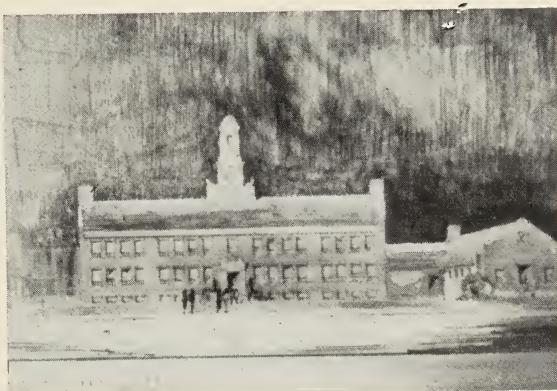
*The Present High School*

John's Catholic Church for over fifty years. In addition to these is the well-known St. Clement's School for boys which attracts youths from all parts of the state.

The new high school is of prime importance, and will be one of the finest as well as newest in Massachusetts. Eventually it is hoped to

incorporate an auditorium and gymnasium, both of which can be used by the public as well as the students.

The Massachusetts Hospital School for crippled children, located in Canton, and a part and parcel of our town, is the acme of institutions of its kind in the country.



*Architect's drawing of the New High School which will occupy the present French estate.*

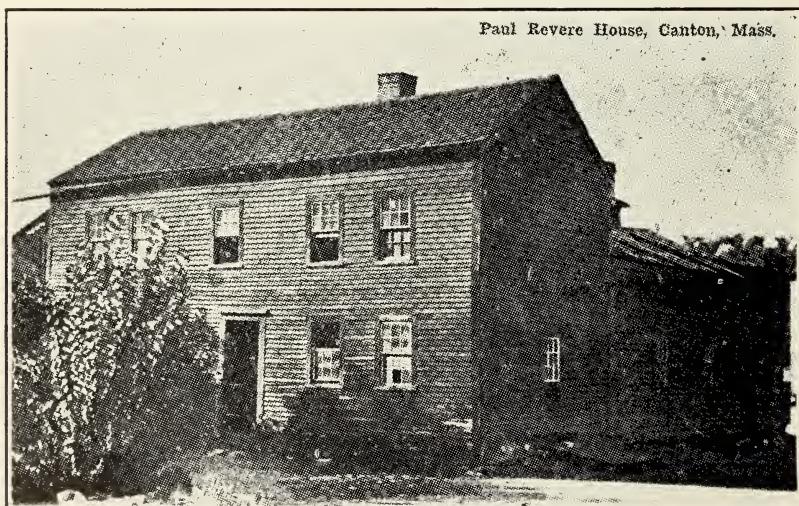


*The Morse Brothers world-famous factory, from an old engraving,  
now Tobe Deutschmann*

### *Birthplace of America's Industries*

Canton's industries have always been important and diversified. Cotton, woolens, silk, rubber, webbing, fish lines, ink, blacking, stove polish, hose, violins, guns, electrical equip-

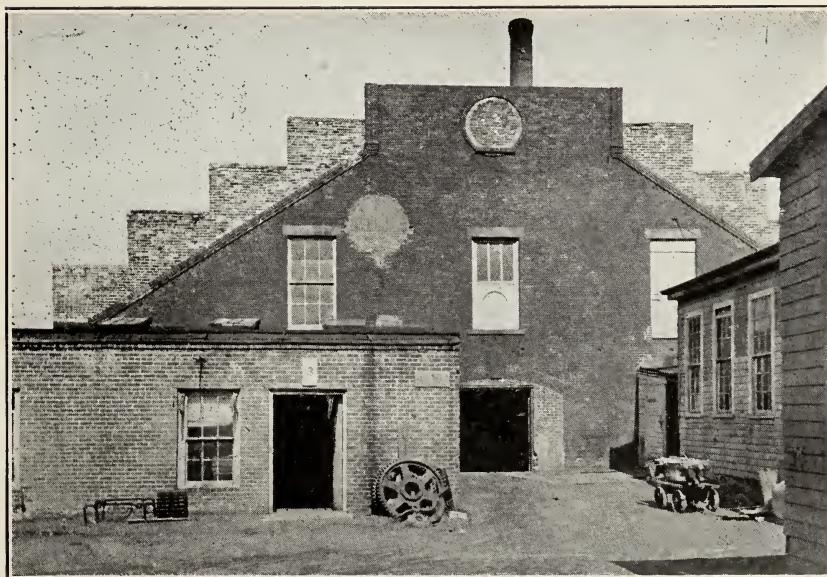
ment, radio research, knitted padding, leather dressing, shovel works, iron and copper, artists' colors, sizing compounds, fabric dyes, knitted goods, rubber and plastic products, light bev-



erages, are included in the list of industries that have added to the manufacturing importance of Canton.

Since the early beginnings of the town's growth, a procession of America's pioneers in mass production for better living have been attracted to Canton because of its accessibility by all means of transportation, its natural resources and its rich abundance of trained personnel. Here the famous Paul Revere of the Revolutionary War spent 18 of the most important years of his life in a foundry for casting copper and brass cannon, bells and other articles. Thomas Draper, a native of Melbourne, Derbyshire, England, was a pioneer of knit goods manufacture. Elijah Morse, merchandising and advertising genius, built an international reputation for his Rising Sun Stove Polish, and cases originated

from Canton to all the world. In 1824, the Neponset Woolen mills building, originally the Canton Bleachery, was completed as a stone mill. In 1821 Adam Kinsley, Jr. made sleigh shoes and ploughshares and the great Kinsley Iron Mill was born. Canton's famous Viaduct was constructed in 1834 to accommodate a single track for the fast through trains from Boston to the south. The viaduct to this day is probably our most picturesque man-made landmark. Every trim block of stone bears the mark of the individual stone-cutters. The solid qualities of the viaduct is attested to by the fact that its load now is many times more than it was meant to carry, with two tracks suitable for unnumbered tons of streamlined steel that now cross it many times daily.



*Original Rolling Mill, Revere Copper Company, now Plymouth Rubber*



### UNITARIAN "PINEAPPLE" CHURCH

The First Parish Congregational (Unitarian) whose 200th anniversary was celebrated in 1917, was a center of much of Canton's early history and perhaps no church has been so well perpetuated in history as this and deserves a special perusal of Huntoon's History. Rev. Thomas A. Sinclair, Pastor.

### PONKAPOAG UNION CHAPEL

Founded in 1878 with first meetings in Cabot's Grove and the old school house, the Ponkapoag Christian Union Chapel occupies the building of its inception, since removed to its present site on Washington Street. Rev. Oliver Francisco in charge.



### ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

While the year 1814 showed a total of five citizens of the town being certified as Roman Catholics, the congregation grew with the new town and the records of 1837 show a total of 100. The first chapel was at the top of the hill on Chapel Street. The present church dates from the authorization of the Parish in 1861, when Archbishop Williams appointed Fr. John Flatley as the first pastor. Rev. Robert E. Lee, Pastor.

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The history of the Old English Church dating from about 1754 and located in the old Ponkapoag section is covered extensively in Huntoon's History. The new Trinity Episcopal Church located near Memorial Hall, is one of the most beautiful types of House of Worship in the Commonwealth. Rev. Alfred F. Ferguson, Rector.



## UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

The Norfolk Universal Society had by 1819 so far developed as to become affiliated with the Society called Universalists. The religious meetings were held at Carroll's Tavern from about 1820 till 1825. Later the old Armory, Union Hall, and still later Leonard's Hall, were used and in 1845 permission was voted by the town to use the Town Hall until the dedication on November 10th, 1847 of the Universalist Meeting House. This church remodeled and enlarged stands at the corner of Mechanic and Washington Streets, and is one of the outstanding buildings of the 'Village'. Rev. Earl McKenney, Pastor.

## CONGREGATION BETH ABRAHAM

Founded in 1915 by Abraham Brightman. Max Brightman was president 1918-1929; R. Gordon, 1929-1930 and Isidore Ullman, 1930 to present. Situated at the top of the rise opposite the Canton R. R. Station on Washington Street. The congregation is active in civic affairs and at present is undertaking landscape in conjunction with the street widening and changes.





Carlton B. Taber  
Maurice E. Ronayne, Jr.  
John L. Howard

# Canton's 150th Anu

Seven Days—Sunday, Sept. 14 th

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

Anniversary services at all churches.  
Boat Regatta, Bolivar Pond, 8 P. M.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

Open House, "Canton Day" at Golf courses.  
Blue Hill C. C.  
Milton Whisic G. C.  
Wampatuck G. C.

## TUESDAY, SETEMBER 16th

Merchants' Co-operation Day.  
Anniversary Souvenir on sale.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

Artists' and Authors' Night  
Historical Exhibit at Canton Public Library  
Larry O'Toole, Guest of Honor

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

Band Concert, front of Crane School, 8 P. M.  
Norwood Musicians' Union, Local 343,  
A. F. M., under leadership of Carmine  
Mazzola.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

Block Dancing, rear of Town Hall, 8 P. M.  
"Wits" Phalen's Orchestra.



# Anniversary Programs

through Saturday Sept. 20, 1947

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

Children's events, rear of Central Fire Station.  
10:00 A. M. Doll Carriage Parade

Pet Contest.

Horribles Contest.

1:30 P. M. Parade of Floats, Bands, marching columns and massed colors of forty-eight state flags.

Edward J. Beatty Post A. L. and  
321st Army Band

Canton Community Corps

Sharon Legion Corps

Fr. McAleer Drum and Bugle, Norwood

Most Precious Blood, Hyde Park

Redmen's Band, Wakefield.

Comb'ned V. F. W. and A. L., Attleboro

V. F. W., Lt. Norman Prince Post, Boston

Edward J. Beatty Post 24 A. L. column

V. F. W. Post No. 3163

St. Clement's Cadets

Units of Canton Fire Department

Floats and representatives from neighboring communities

Fire apparatus from Stoughton, Sharon, Milton, Dedham, Norwood, Walpole, Randolph and Westwood.

M., 3rd Battalion, 101st Infantry, Mass. National Guard, Norwood

Formations of First Air Force will patrol line of march at 2:30.

## MEMORIAL TOWN HALL

(left)

Memorial Hall is built on land given the town by Elijah Morse, famous advertising pioneer of Canton. Dedicated 1880. Holds all town offices.

## CONGREGATIONAL (Orthodox) CHURCH

(right)

Familiar Town Clock church is favorite landmark. First organized assembly July 3, 1828. Present church dedicated 1860. Completely renovated.



John J. Lynch  
Mrs. Russell W. Lowry



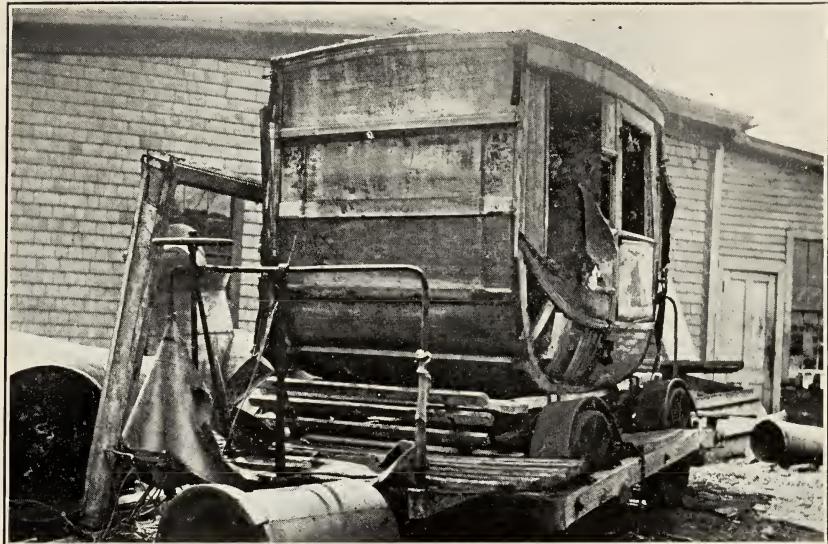
## Did You Know?

Roger Sherman was the only American to sign all THREE documents of the rebellion. Sherman lived with his family on their farm on the west-erly side of Pleasant Street in 1743. The first draft of the Suffolk Resolves was adopted at Doty's Tavern on what is now Washington Street, near the junction of Route 128, at the foot of the Blue Hill. Subsequently approved by the Continental Congress at Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, September 17, 1774, the resolves contained a complete declaration of war against Great Britain, and with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution constituted the three papers that made America a sovereign state . . . the "great troubler of the church" was Elhanon Lyon who was the scourge

of Elijah Dunbar, the reverend who named the town of Canton because he said it was directly opposite Canton, China . . . Capt. William Patrick, the famous Indian fighter and Revolutionary hero raised his family of five children in Canton before being killed in ambush May 30, 1778, near Albany . . . Madame Knight, the celebrated lady of the 18th century travelled by coach through Canton and stayed overnight at a local inn . . . Lafayette, John Adams and many rebel generals supped at Doty's Tavern . . . Canton is part of a New Grant confirmed in 1720 to Dorchester, and divided into twelve divisions by land owners, hence the name "Twelve Divisions" in early maps of the territory . . . In 1620 when the Pilgrims landed, they found Chicataubut the



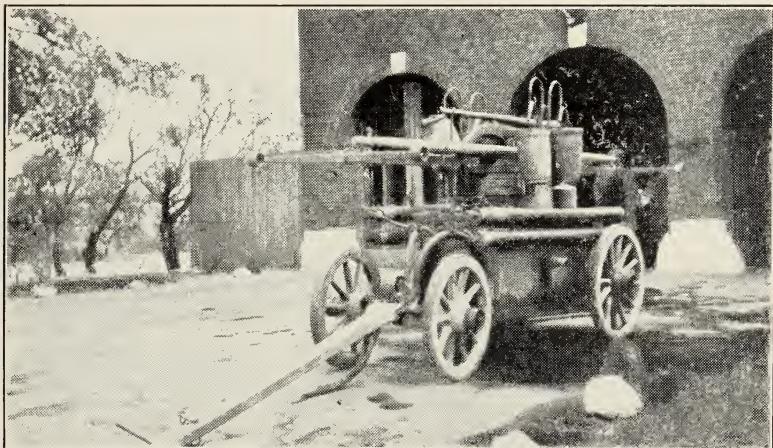
Joseph Wattles and George Sumner traveling to Daniel Webster's funeral — 1852



*Old Revere Coach*

Indian sachem in full command and had to do business with him. His son Wampatuck was crown prince . . . Sassamon, the son of Christian Indians, helped Reverend John Eliot translate the bible into the Indian tongue. Sassamon's violent death was the cause of King Philip's War because he revealed the plots of King

Philip to the English. He was at one time, the king's secretary . . . the York section of Canton is so named because its first settlers had been driven there by trouble with the Indians in York, Maine . . . Paul Revere lived in Canton 18 years and here started the famous Revere Copper and Brass Co. . . . William Ahauton, the early In-



*Old Hand Tub at Town Hall*



*The lead car of the first trolley run from Mattapan Square, August 15, 1903, Postmaster E. C. Britton on the platform.*

dian statesman who signed the deed of Boston in 1685 was from Ponkapoag . . . Augustus Hemenway was one of Canton's leading benefactors. Besides giving the town its present library in 1902, he also donated the Ponkapoag schoolhouse . . . Thomas Draper is the forerunner of Canton's well-known Draper family. In 1856 he established the Draper mills . . . Nathaniel May, inn-keeper of May's Tavern, was fined in 1735 for travelling on the Sabbath. His tavern was a stopping place for hundreds making the trip from Boston to Taunton and beyond. It was located on the corner of Washington and Pleasant

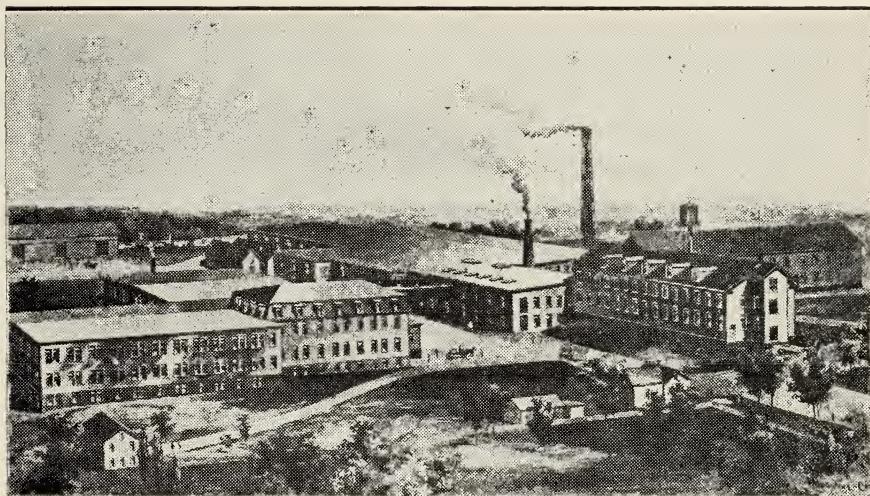
Streets . . . Daniel T. V. Huntoon was the author of the only History of Canton, published by the town in 1893 . . . General Gridley, after whom the school is named, was George Washington's chief engineer and planned the fortifications of Bunker Hill, where he was wounded. He was responsible for the first cannon and mortars ever cast in this country . . . The Neponset Woolen mills occupy part of the original stone factory built in 1824 . . . Ponkapoag Golf Club is situated on the old Redman farm, the subject of a formal history by Ellis Ames in 1870 . . . Canton's leading naval hero is Commodore



*The Original Stone Mill, now the Neponset Woolen Mills, at the Viaduct*

John Downes, son of Jesse, who was purser's steward on the Constitution. John's first sea-going assignment was as a waiter on the Constitution. He was skipper of many ships, most famous of them the Guerriere . . . Margaret Fuller, author and educator was born in Canton February 15,

1789 . . . Elijah Morse was the donor of the land where the Town Hall was built, as well as the Civil War memorial that stands before it, giving it the name of Memorial Hall . . . The first trolley from Mattapan Square ran August 15, 1903.



*Draper Brothers' Mill, established 1856, At Canton Corner*

### *It's A Date*

The directory of Canton Societies is comprehensive and embraces those of virtually every persuasion. Included are the Edward J. Beatty Post, No. 24, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, Junior American Legion Auxiliary, Post No. 3163, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Sons of Union Veterans, Masons, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Knights of Columbus, Hibernians, Holy Name Society, Beth Abraham Youth, Foresters, Daughters of Isabella, Hibernian Auxiliary, Junior Division of Hibernians, Ponkapoag Civic Association, Community Club, Parent-Teachers Association, Canton Teachers' Club, The Informal Players, Rotary, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Girls' Horizon, Sea Scouts, Garden Club, Ponkapoag Grange and Auxiliary, Canton Town Club, Canton Corner Club, American Legion Band, Bolivar Boat Club, Canton Community Chest and Council, Italian Mutual and Benefit Society, Sons of Italy, Firemen's Mutual Benefit Society, Canton Nursing Association, Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, Trinity Club, Canton Men's Club, Mothers' Club, Canton Historical Society, Canton Branch American Red Cross, Fish and Game Club, Rod and Gun Club, in addition to various church groups.

## A Message From Your Selectmen

Our 150th Anniversary as an incorporated municipality demands that we look purposefully toward the future as we ponder with pride our accomplishments of the past.

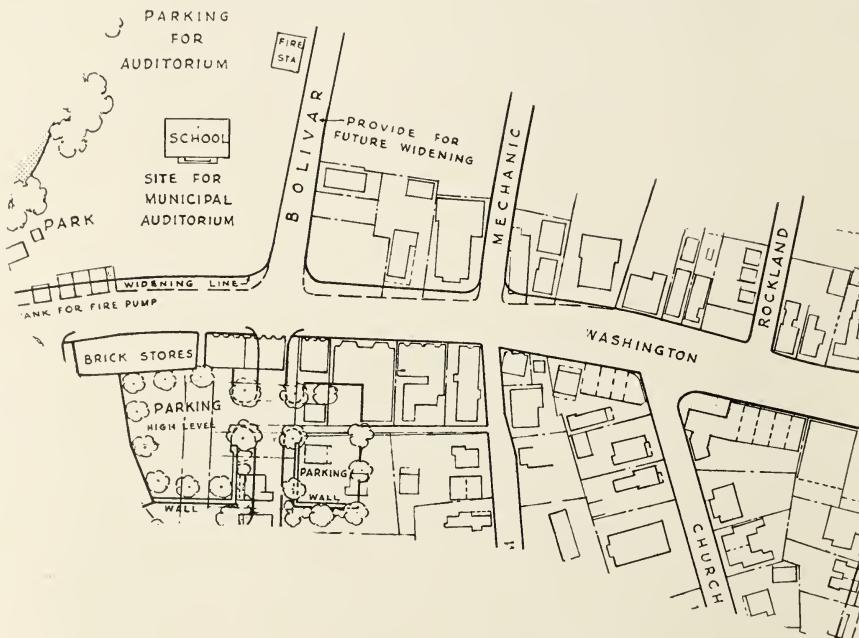
Industrial America had her beginnings here in copper and textile manufacture, and industry's international advertising also sprang from a Canton enterprise. Recent years have found our industries foremost in specialized rubber and electrical products.

Our town has always headed the nations list of charitable communities, and every war has called our sons in numbers out of proportion to our population. Our townspeople originated the idea of sending Christmas checks to their service men and women, and ours was the state's first town to develop a complete veteran's apartment project.

But we cannot be content with achievements of days gone by. The reconstruction of Washington Street, the continued development of our new playgrounds, and the proposed new high school all give us incentive to work together harmoniously and hopefully toward a community of which we can continue to be proud both for our heritage and for our hope for the future.

It is with this spirit that the Board of Selectmen approach the opportunity of bringing reality to the aspirations of the citizens of Canton.

CARLTON B. TABER  
MAURICE E. ROYNANE, JR.  
JOHN L. HOWARD



# Canton's Future



CANTON is now the scene of the greatest activity in its history with the widening and modernizing of the Washington street business section, the construction of a new high school and the broad scope of its future planning. The following section is devoted to these coming years. Dedicated to such youngsters as the two shown above, we may confidently expect a promising future. Pictured with Winky, their cocker spaniel are Peter, 9, and Susan, 5, children of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Curra of 316 Washington Street. They will take part with the many other charming young citizens of Canton in the Doll carriage parade and pet contest on Saturday September 20, 1947. Photo courtesy of Boston Globe.

## Looking Ahead

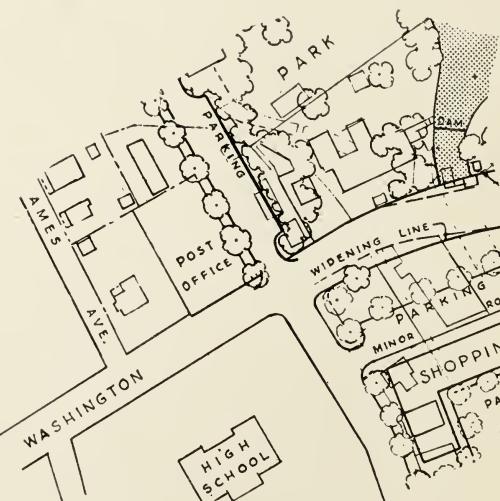
WHY live in Canton? There could be 6704 answers to that question for that's the number of people who live in Canton. The majority would agree on the excellent commuting conditions, the rich natural resources, both of materials and labor, and the healthy atmosphere of rolling hills, farmland and wealth of lakes and parkways and ponds. It's not just coincidence that Canton has so many mills, factories and golf courses! Such things go together. No new town starting off in the twentieth century would expect to have its influence so far-reaching even in its first 150 years. Canton has this colorful past, yet when the center of town has completed its construction,

the blood of a new town will course through its heart. Canton has always had a tremendous appetite for industry, and this capacity will be increased with the many improvements that have already been approved by the voters. In the 1945 report of the Planning Board an exhaustive survey pointed the way to a promising future. Accenting the pressing need for proper parking facilities and traffic circulation, it was pointed out that the character, volume of business and property values would be greatly benefitted. The report stated that in so doing, "Canton is sure to become a magnet for business from nearby towns and at the same time attract the most desirable type of new

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### A Penny Saved A Penny Earned

Banking facilities in Canton are of early origin. The Canton Institution for Savings was chartered in 1835. The Norfolk County Trust Company is the modern counterpart of the Neponset National Bank, chartered as the Neponset Bank in 1836 and becoming a National Bank in 1865. The Canton Co-operative Bank, soon to erect new quarters, is over forty years old.

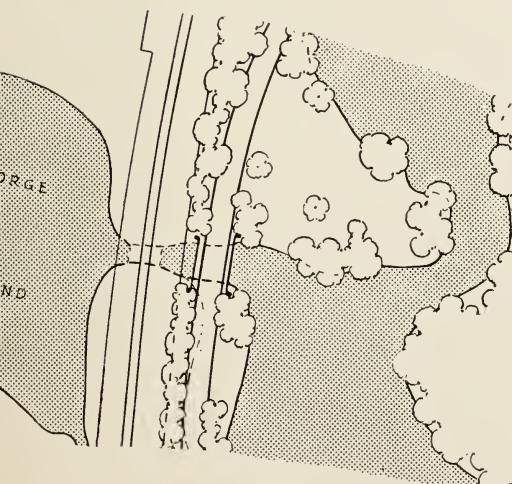


residents desiring to establish new homes in the community."

Beginning with the inception of the most ambitious high school plant in Canton's history, "the resulting improvement in school facilities cannot but attract better families as newcomers, increase the value of real estate, help business and uplift the general level of culture and citizenship" to quote further from the Planning Board report.

Besides the many school improvements which are the first responsibility of any community, who will deny the advisability of considering new and better roads, park improvements, civic accommodations and prosperous business centers? The following words bear repeating, if only to assert

one manner in which Canton's full resources can thrive. "Other communities have made large expenditures to create civic improvements no finer than those which can be realized here by merely redeeming the natural beauty of this water-course (River Valley) and making it accessible for public use and enjoyment. Bolivar Pond and Forge Pond both have fine scenic qualities which as yet are little marred by the encroachment of unsightly surroundings. We believe that the town should, by outright purchase or by the buying of view easements, gain control of the land immediately around these ponds and hold it for public park uses, making it accessible by roads such as the Parkway suggested on our plan, and



### *Last One In is a Sissy*

Canton is sprinkled with picturesque lakes and ponds. Over five ponds appear on the cover. Over 470 acres of the Blue Hill Reservation and 264 acres of the Neponset River Reservation rest within the town borders. There are playgrounds and parkways still in the planning stage.

developing limited areas for more intensive use. We recommend especially that all of the privately owned land east of Washington Street between the Post Office and the present school be taken by the town and developed as a park. By the removal of the present buildings, by the consolidation of the present outlets of Forge Pond into one scenic spillway, and by the provision of paths and appropriate planting to supplement the existing growth, this land could be made an interesting and beautiful park, easily accessible from the surrounding areas and open pleasantly

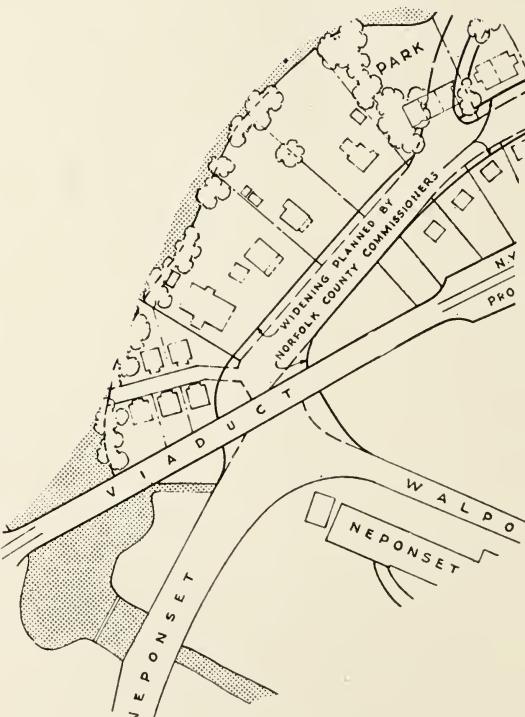
to the view of traffic on Washington Street if the profile is raised as suggested . . . the land already has an unusually fine park-like quality of landscape—an asset which should be used to distinguish this important area of the town."

On these pages are excerpts from maps prepared from the Olmstead Report. Widening of present streets and opening of new streets have received full attention in projecting the town's affairs into the future. It is characteristic of the community to concern itself more with the years that lie ahead than those that have

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### *Going My Way*

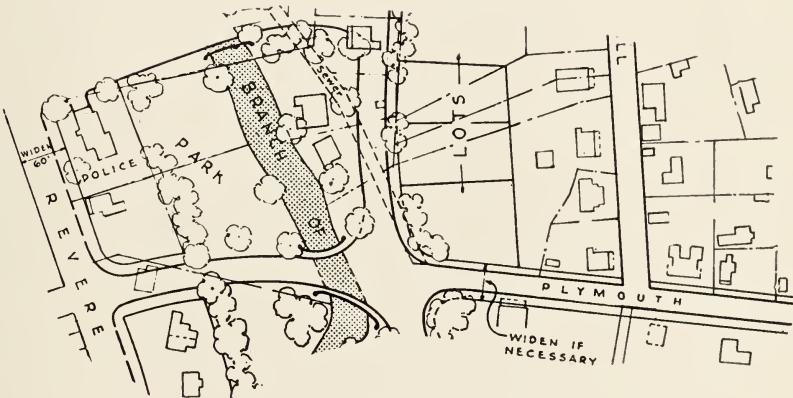
Transportation has never been much of a problem for Canton residents. Train travel to Boston is convenient and inexpensive, as well as bus travel to surrounding towns. The town has exceptional facilities at its own airport where feeder lines are in operation to connect with routes to all parts of the globe.



passed. Words and pictures can tell the story of the town's proud history but it remains for the finishing of the first major reconstruction to give dramatic credence to the faith we have in the future. Canton's activities in the past war attest to the flaming energy that has contributed to its prosperity. Outstanding is the spirit of her citizens as reported in the Poston Sunday Herald for August 31, 1947, in speaking of the special veterans' fund established during the war: "Victory workers contributed overtime pay to the fund. Business

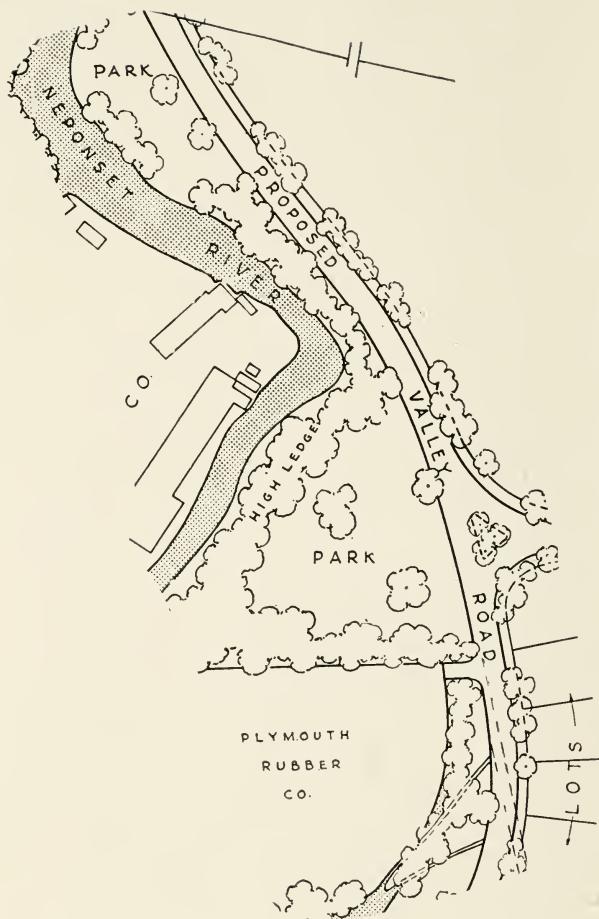
men took part-time jobs in mills, both to alleviate the man-power shortage and help swell the fund. Many executives spent one night a week as factory workers for the fund." Even one golf course actually closed for the duration in the hope of devoting their energies to an activity productive of victory.

Canton's past is buried treasure, its future is a challenge. Picture Canton facing the coming years garbed in the finery that the Planning Board's improvements would entail.



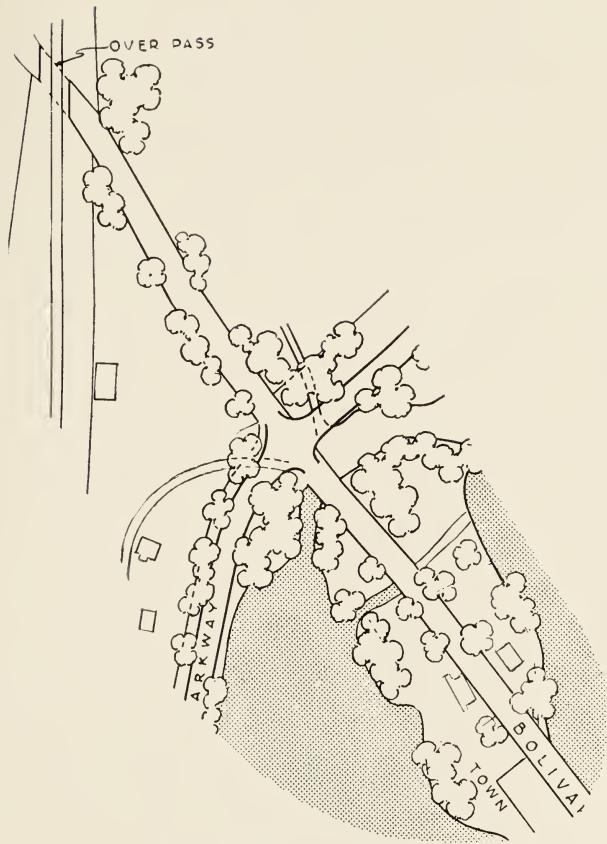
## *A Little Place in the Country*

Of a total of 1800 residences in the town of Canton, over 1500 are single homes. These have an average of more than one radio per home and the unusual distinction of more than one car to each home. Certain sections have had rapid growth in new homes, with Ponkapoag an outstanding example.



### *A Golf Course In Every Back Yard!*

Canton is probably the only town its size with four golf courses. The oldest, Hoosic-Whisic, operating over fifty years, is now the Milton Hoosic Club, one of the five first courses in the commonwealth. Wampatuck and Ponkapoag bear proud Indian names. Blue Hill Country Club is of Championship calibre, 6348 yards, half again as long as most golf courses. It was laid out by Eugene "Skip" Wogan, one-time assistant to Donald Ross, considered among the greatest golf club architects of all time.



### *Good to the Last Drop....*

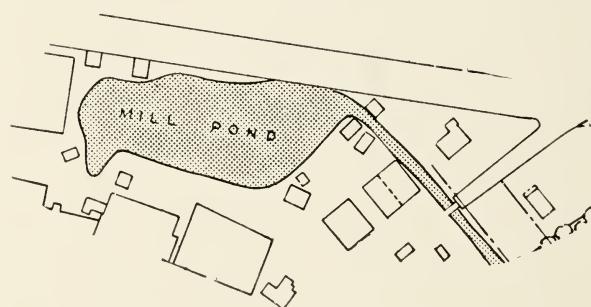
The town is well provided with excellent drinking water from three sources, at Springdale, Henry Springs and Ward Well. The two standpipes at opposite high points of town deliver their supply through 43 miles of main and distributing pipe. There are over five hundred hydrants throughout the town.

## Canton's Life Blood is Her Industry

*These are the names of the firms, mills, and capital enterprises that keep Canton's men and women busy and prosperous.*

Boston Edison Co.  
 Boston Sand and Gravel Co.  
 Brockton Gas Light Co.  
 Canton Processing Co.  
 Canton and Blue Hill Trans.  
 Canton Bronze and Aluminum Co.  
 Canton Co-operative Bank  
 Canton Publishing Co.  
 Canton Institution for Savings  
 Canton Machine Works  
 Chase and Sons  
 Dardano Patent Leather Co.  
 Dexter Club Beverage Co.  
 Draper Bros. Co.  
 A. Emerson Co.  
 Furman & Co., Inc.  
 Dr. Parker Holt Baby Wear  
 Kessler Machine Works

Lyons & Franke Machine Co.  
 Knitted Padding Co.  
 Mu-Switch Corp.  
 Neponset Woolen Mills Inc.  
 N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.  
 N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.  
 Norfolk County Trust Co.  
 Plymouth Rubber Co.  
 Porter Patent Leather Co.  
 Rain Beau Products Co.  
 Springdale Finishing Co.  
 Sweetland Waste Co.  
 Tobe Deutschmann Corp.  
 L. R. Wattles & Co.  
 Wiggins Airways  
 Will-Bell Beverage  
 J. J. White Paper Co.



## Canton's Finest

The Canton Fire Department is housed in two stations strategically located. It boasts two complete sets of the latest in modern fire-fighting equipment and a competent, well trained group. The Police Department has an efficient record and is presently deep in the task of maintaining uninterrupted protection during the large scale construction work in the heart of the town.

COMMITTEES  
*for the*  
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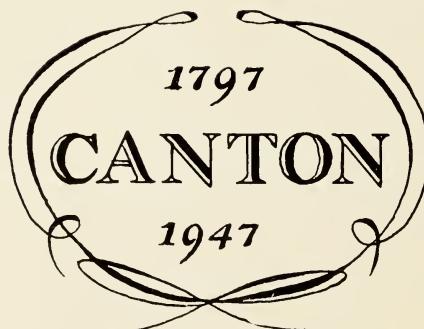
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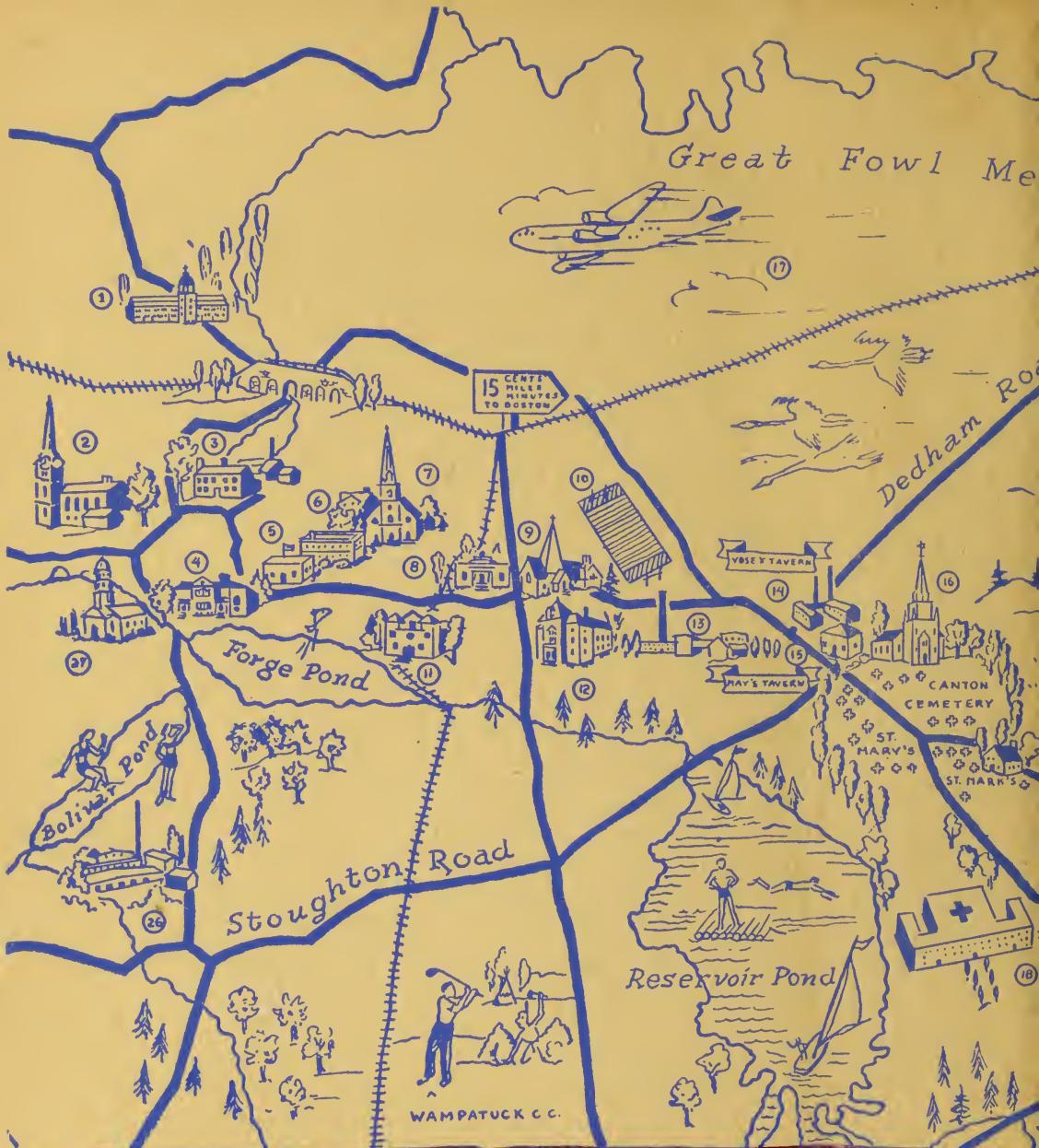
GERARD F. BURKE

September 14, 1947



This little book can be complete only with a grateful salute to the men and women who have died in the service of our country, in order that this future may be secure. May we ever strive to redeem their sacrifice.





## Legend

1. Neponset Woolen Mills. 2. Congregational Orthodox Church. 3. Paul Revere House and Plymouth Rubber Co. 4. Crane School. 5. U. S. Post Office. 6. Canton High School. 7. St. John's Church and St. Clement's. 8. Canton Library. 9. Trinity Episcopal Church. 10. Site of new high school. 11. Congregation Beth Abraham. 12. Memorial Town Hall. 13. Tobe Deutschman Corp. 14. Draper Brothers Co. 15. Canton Historical Society. 16. Unitarian Church. 17. Canton Airport and Wiggins Airways. 18. Mass. Hospital School for crippled children. 19. Carroll's Tavern — scene of first murder trial in Norfolk County. 20. Blue Hill Country Club — "one of best in U. S." 21. Old Redman farm, now Ponkapoag Country Club. 22. Stand-pipe. 23. Ponkapoag Union Chapel. 24. Doty's Tavern. 25. Feno House. 26. Springdale Finishing Co. 27. Universalist Church.